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HOOPER QUIZ ABOUT SUGAR BEGINS TODAY

Food Administrator to Be on Stand Before Senate Inquisitors.

The Senate's sugar probe will reach its climax today, when Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator, takes the witness stand.

George M. Rolph, head of the Food Administration's sugar division, was on the stand late yesterday, following Earl D. Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining Company.

Chairman Reed reiterated the charges made by Clara A. Spock, of the Federal Sugar Refining Company. He declared, in a hypothetical question, that if the Food Administration had not taken hold of sugar affairs, there would have been no shortage and prices would not have been increased. The answers made by Mr. Rolph did not refute the declaration, according to Chairman Reed.

Mr. Hoover has had his statistical division busy preparing figures to show just what the sugar situation is today, as compared with last fall, and with last year. In addition, he has had his art department preparing color charts.

Yesterday's hearing was featured by an effort to bring out more sharply the connection between the American Sugar Refining Company and the Food Administration.

"How did it happen," Senator Kenyon asked Mr. Babst, "that so many of your employees were transferred to the employ of the international committee of the Food Administration's sugar division?"

"Because they had been loyal and faithful," answered Babst.

"To the American Sugar Refining Company?"

"To me personally," replied Babst. Senator Reed asked about Henry C. Mott, the American's \$20,000 a year buyer, who is now buying expert for the committee. Babst admitted Mott was one of the defendants in the government's dissolution suit against the American company as a trust.

"That suit has gone stale," he added.

When asked what he meant by saying a Federal suit had "gone stale," he said it had been held up pending a decision in the International Harvester case.

S. Senator Reed brought out the fact that Rolph is still general manager of the California-Hawaii Sugar Refining Company. Rolph outlined, at Reed's request, the business his company has done since he became head of the sugar division.

HOLD DEBATE SATURDAY.

A meeting of the Samuel F. Miller Debating Society of the National University Law School will be held on tomorrow evening, at 7:40 o'clock. The subject for debate will be, "Resolved, That the United States should join a league of nations to enforce world's peace." Messrs. Brewster and Sheppard and Private Bresnahan of the Marine Corps will speak on the affirmative, and Messrs. Zack, Wilner and Wilcox will support the negative side of the question.

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Substantial reduction has been made by lines east of Washington in through sleeping car service operated in connection with the Southern Railway and is now confined to the New York-New Orleans and New York-Birmingham cars on No. 25, and the New York-Memphis and New York-Nashville cars on No. 25.

Sleeping car service will be operated locally from Washington on the following Southern Railway trains:

No. 37—Atlanta section, leaving Washington 10:00 p. m.; sleeping cars to Atlanta.

No. 37—New Orleans section, leaving Washington 10:45 p. m.; sleeping cars to New Orleans.

No. 35—Leaving Washington 8:45 a. m.; sleeping cars to New Orleans and Birmingham.

No. 28—Birmingham Special, leaving Washington 5:06 p. m.; sleeping cars to Birmingham.

Effective Sunday, December 23, No. 32 will leave Washington at 4:15 p. m. and be handled on No. 28.

No. 31—Leaving Washington 7:00 p. m.; sleeping cars to Augusta, Ga.; Alben, S. C., and Asheville, N. C. Coaches.

No. 4—Leaving Washington 9:45 p. m.; sleeping cars to Chattanooga, Vicksburg, and New Orleans. Coaches.

No. 25—Leaving Washington 4:35 a. m.; sleeping cars to Memphis and Nashville. Coaches.

Delays contribute difficulties, must go as far as humanly possible, be avoided.

Therefore, the trains enumerated above with the exception of No. 35 and No. 32, which handle through sleeping cars, will not be held at Washington for connections. They will depart on time scheduled and be limited to their present capacity.

Parties traveling from points east of Washington to points south, in connection with any of these trains, are urged to regulate their movements into Washington so as to insure connection and to satisfy themselves, beforehand, that accommodations south of Washington will be available.

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Traction Damage Suits Hit Record Mark in D. C.

Figures for 1916 Exceeded by Margin of \$649,000 in Actions Filed During 1917 Up to December 19.

This year, so far, outdoes any other year for quite a while in the number of damage suits filed against railway systems and railroads operating in the District of Columbia.

The record for 1916 for the entire year looks small beside that of 1917. Up until the close of business December 19, 130 damage suits have been filed against railways and railroads, amounting to more than \$1,475,000. For all of 1916 only 72 suits were filed, aggregating \$726,000, a difference of \$649,000.

Nine-tenths of these suits are against the street railways. More accidents have happened, according to these records, than during 1916. Hardly a one of these suits has been settled.

The average damage suit for this year averages a little more than \$11,000. For 1916 the average was \$15,000.

Of course, the railways and railroads are not going to pay all these suits. About 10 per cent of these suits are settled out of court. Only about 50 per cent are won in the courts, and then the plaintiff gets only about 25 per cent of what he asks.

Traffic conditions this year have a great deal to do with the added number of suits, as quite a few of the damage suits against the railways are filed because of a collision between an auto and a car or else some one is run over or run into.

Damage suits filed against the District, individuals, corporations and the public utilities for 1917, to date, number 131, amounting to \$1,475,000 in claims. This is an average of \$11,000 a suit.

These suits are the result of alleged slanders, troubles with employees of business establishments and disputes with the public utilities, breach of contract, automobile accidents, slippery streets and other causes such as negligence, real estate disputes, damage to person and property, etc.

These figures are at least \$2,000,000 more than the amount of similar suits filed during 1916. The record for that year is \$1,800,000, with 122 suits averaging \$15,000 a suit.

One of the causes of the figures for 1917 is the eight suits filed by the members of the National Woman's Party for their imprisonment and alleged cruel treatment at Occoquan. These eight suits amount to \$400,000.

There have been more suits filed against the District during this year than for any year during the last ten years.

DOLLS GALORE GRACE MRS. CROWN'S SHOW

Will Later Gladden Hearts of Kids in Hospitals.

Room 413, of the Department of Commerce, might have been an immigration station Thursday, so full of outward appearance went for there were mounds of every nationality and complexion and there was a bride and groom and a Girl Scout and a nurse and a suffragette.

"True, they were only dolls, but so real they were one could scarcely detect the camouflage. The dollies were assembled for the annual doll show, conducted by Mrs. Bailie A. Crown, of the National Woman's Party, to the children in the various hospitals.

For the little sick girls of Washington there will be all sorts of dollies, including the wonderful "Victoria," with her curling blond hair and eyes with real lashes. And some lucky little fellow will get a lovely little house, and another will get a ship. And perhaps a little girl and a little boy in one of the hospitals will play bride and groom for the express purpose of utilizing the beautiful work of cardboard furniture, the sort of Maj. Francis M. Burrows.

\$5,000 Bequeathed to Emergency Hospital

By the will of Mrs. E. P. Mitchell, widow of Morton Mitchell, nephew of Levi P. Morton, Emergency Hospital is to receive a bequest of \$5,000. Mrs. Mitchell died in San Francisco November 9, and the will was offered for probate in that city.

Servants in New York, Paris, Venice and Washington, including cooks and gondoliers, receive from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each. More than \$2,000,000 is left to friends and relatives and charities in this country and Europe.

"Provided the bones of our good old dog are not disturbed," reads the will, her real estate in 8 street "is given to the city of Washington for a park."

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

District of Columbia and Virginia. Partly cloudy Friday; Saturday light rain and cold; light variable winds.

Maryland: Increasing cloudiness Friday; Saturday local rains and cold; moderate southerly winds, becoming northwest.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Midnight, 36; 3 a. m., 36; 4 a. m., 35; 5 a. m., 34; 6 a. m., 33; 7 a. m., 32; 8 a. m., 31; 9 a. m., 30; 10 a. m., 29; 11 a. m., 28; 12 noon, 27; 1 p. m., 26; 2 p. m., 25; 3 p. m., 24; 4 p. m., 23; 5 p. m., 22; 6 p. m., 21; 7 p. m., 20; 8 p. m., 19; 9 p. m., 18; 10 p. m., 17; 11 p. m., 16.

24. Highest, 42; lowest, 24. Relative humidity, 8 a. m., 82; 2 p. m., 61; 8 p. m., 80. Rainfall (8 a. m. to 8 p. m.), .0. Hours of sunshine, 4.3. Per cent of possible sunshine, 65.

Departures—Accumulated deficiency of temperature since January 1, 1917, -42; deficiency of precipitation since January 1, 1917, -30; accumulated deficiency of precipitation since January 1, 1917, -4.8; deficiency of precipitation since December 1, 1917, -.45.

Temperature same date last year—Highest, 39; lowest, 17.

OTHER TEMPERATURES.

Highest last 24 hours, 42; lowest, 24.

Rain—today, night, 8 p. m. fall.

Boston, Mass., 32; New York, 30; Chicago, Ill., 28; St. Louis, Mo., 26; Denver, Colo., 20; San Francisco, 48; Kansas City, Mo., 28; Omaha, Neb., 26; Los Angeles, Cal., 60; Portland, Ore., 42; Seattle, Wash., 48; New Orleans, La., 64; Houston, Tex., 68; St. Paul, Minn., 28; Minneapolis, 26; Portland, Me., 42; Bangor, 48; Sault Ste. Marie, 48.

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BILLY SUNDAY READ TO END ATLANTA WORK

Evangelist Will Spend Holidays at Indiana Home. Then Come Here.

By ARTHUR JOYCE.

Billy Sunday is on the last lap of his revival campaign in Atlanta, Ga. He will wind up in the South next Sunday. Then he will hike for his home in Winona Lake, Ind., to spend the Christmas holidays. From home he will come directly to Washington for what he expects to be two months of the most strenuous campaigning in his career.

They are planning now, over at Sunday headquarters, to make the arrival of Billy and his power in Washington the occasion for a big demonstration. The evangelist and his associates are due here on the night of January 5. Next morning, promptly at 10:30 a. m., Billy will start officially his big battle to "Win Washington for Christ."

Opening Sermon Topics.

Billy Sunday has already picked the sermon topics for his first day's campaign in Washington. He will preach three times on the opening day—January 6. His morning subject will be "Have Ye Received the Holy Ghost?" The sermon will be based on the 19th chapter of Acts, second verse: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?"

His afternoon sermon will be at the 2 o'clock service. The topic will be "God's Grenadiers," based on the 24th chapter of St. Luke, 4th verse: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem until ye be endued with the power from on high."

The evangelist's evening sermon subject, at the 7:30 p. m. service, will be "Why Call Ye Me Lord, Lord?" from the prophecy of Habakkuk, third chapter, second verse: "Oh, Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years; in wrath remember mercy."

For the first two Sundays of the campaign, the afternoon meetings will be for everybody. Following these, the Sunday afternoon gatherings will be for men only. While the evangelist is preaching to the men of Washington, "Ma" Sunday will talk with the women in one of the big churches near the tabernacle. The exact location has not yet been selected.

There will be no cards required for admission to the tabernacle during any of the Billy Sunday services. All seats will be free. Only those having business at the tabernacle, such as choir singers, doorkeepers and ushers, secretaries and persons holding special reservations, will be required to present their credentials at certain doors. The doors will be opened a half-hour before the scheduled service hours—10:30 a. m., 2 p. m., and 7 p. m.

Procession Planned.

When Billy and his party arrive at Union Station they will be met by members of the executive committee, headed by Postmaster Chance; delegations representing the big churches, which will greet the evangelist with a song service; ushers and secretaries; ministers representing the various churches affiliated with the revival and by hundreds of church members and the general public. It is likely there will also be present officials representing the administration.

Billy and "Ma" will ride in an automobile with Postmaster Chance and will have a procession to the Sunday "home" in Washington, where the evangelist will hold an informal reception. A band will be in the delegation that will greet the evangelist.

Mrs. Van Anderson Gordon met some of her friends Tuesday evening at headquarters of the International New Thought Alliance, 303 Washington Loan and Trust Building. Arrangements were made for Sunday afternoon meetings and week-day classes, with Mrs. Gordon as speaker.

CHRISTMAS GAMES PLANNED AT SCHOOLS

"Parties" Arranged for Younger Pupils—Trees a Feature.

With Christmas trees, games and exercises, pupils of the District kindergartens today will celebrate the approach of Santa Claus.

Everything is in readiness to give the younger pupils a good time, and officials have arranged the liveliest and most entertaining programs during the day.

The presents grouped about the foot of the Christmas trees will be the handiwork of the pupils. There will be no uncomfortable speech-making to boot the young mammoths, although stories of the "night before Christmas," old St. Nick, and other appropriate ceremonies will be on the list of festivities.

Many of the kindergartens will have "parties."

PURELY PERSONAL.

Charles H. Forsythe, of the Government Printing Office, has received a promotion.

Reuben M. Martin has received an appointment as messenger in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

George S. Fursureth, of the Census Bureau, is on leave.

Malcolm H. Johnson, of the navy yard, is back to work after a short stay in the hospital.

Clarence Wales Marbury, of the Department of the Interior, has been detailed to the New England States for special work.

John V. York, of the Bureau of Standards, has resigned.

Miss Mary Reuter has accepted a position in the Treasury Department.

Miss Edith Minot resigned her position with the Retail Merchants' Association to answer a call for a government position.

H. J. Edmundson, of this city, left for a three-day business trip to New York last night.

Edward V. Callahan, of Boston, is spending the Christmas holidays with his cousin, Mrs. R. H. Buckingham, of this city.

R. Marshall Thompson left Washington last night to accept a position with the du Pont Powder Company in Wilmington, Del.

James Ready, of the York Hotel, was among guests at the York Hotel, in New York City during the last week.

Vivian Ayre has been appointed to the Bureau of Standards as an assistant gauge inspector.

Oscar L. Schebloom has been appointed as a clerk to the government service.

Ernest Henninger has received an appointment to the Bureau of Standards as a tool maker.

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He got his pal, Reuben Taylor, to help him. Reuben said he didn't know that Aaron swiped the candy. But he knew as much and more than Aaron did.

The cops got wise and soon the boys had neither candy nor freedom. They were charged with an atrocious crime. "The very idea," said the court, "of you two overgrown boys stealing candy from a wagon. If you were little children, I would recommend a paddling, but as you are grown men I am going to send you to jail for 30 days each."

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